—General decline in tourist traffic to the country on account of adverse publicity abroad about disturbed conditions in India.

(b) Various steps taken by ITDC to improve the profitability and performance of these units are as under:

—Closing down of un-economic Transport units.

—Strict control on operational and administrative expenditure.

—Development of vehicles at various units to improve utilisation.

—Entering into marketing and reservation tie-ups abroad of ITDC hotels for chain use by foreign tourists.

—Setting up of ITDC's own Travel Agency.

—Grant of additional discount to local companies, Travel Agents, Public Sector Undertakings, etc.

—Introduction of cheap package for domestic clientele.

—Promotion of ITDC properties in overseas market through participation in the Travel Trade forums.

—Product improvemnt, etc.

(c) Keeping in view the occupancy position of ITDC Hotels during the period April-October 1985, the Hotels Division is expected to earn profit during the year 1985-86. As regards Ashok Travels & Tours Division, it is expected to break even during the current year and to make profit in the next year.

Construction of Hotels in orissa by ITDC in collaboration with State Government

1103. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa is collaborating with the India Tourism Development Corporation for the construction of hotels at Balasore, Puri, Konark, Chilka and Gopalpur; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any tourism scheme under Central Government's consideration for the hill areas of Orissa; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) ITDC is presently constructing a 44-roomed 3-Star joint venture hotel at Puri at an estima ed cost of Rs. 190 lakhs in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Evaluation on Transactions in the Sale of flats

1104: SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued certain guidelines to evaluate the transactions in the sale of flats and also to acquire undervalued flats;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the result of the operation of the new system of evaluation and its impact on the flat buyers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.